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TIMOTHY WOOLF NAMED TO NEW PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

BOSTON – Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles has named Timothy Woolf as a commissioner of the Commonwealth Utilities Commission, effective April 11, 2007.

Created by the Governor's Article 87 Cabinet Reorganization Bill, which passed both houses of the Legislature in February by unanimous roll call votes, the three-member Commonwealth Utilities Commission oversees the Department of Public Utilities, the new regulatory agency responsible principally for energy matters.

Woolf is the second commissioner named to the new regulatory body. Paul Hibbard was named chairman of the CUC last week.

Woolf is vice president of Synapse Energy Economics of Cambridge, an electricity and gas industry research and consulting firm. Previously, he was senior scientist and manager of the electricity program for the Tellus Institute of Boston. He was also a staff economist for the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and a policy analyst for the state's Office of Energy Resources. Woolf has a master's degree in business administration from Boston University, a diploma in economics from the London School of Economics, and bachelor degrees in mechanical engineering and English from Tufts University. He lives in Arlington with his wife Deborah Savage and their three children, Jacob, Marianna, and Leah.

"I am proud to have Tim Woolf joining this important regulatory agency as a commissioner," said Secretary Bowles. "As an economist, engineer, and energy consultant, he has the expertise and experience to gear utility regulation to the goals of lowering energy costs, boosting energy efficiency, and bringing more renewable power to market, all in the context of a strong commitment to competition."

Governor Patrick's Cabinet reorganization bill replaced the Department of Telecommunications and Energy with the Department of Public Utilities, and moved it into the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The reorganization goes into effect April 11, 2007.

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